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## **Birmingham Cycle Route Consultation – Bradford Street**

Dear resident/occupier

We aim to make walking and cycling everyday choices for local journeys and leisure activities, as part of a safe and integrated transport network for Birmingham.

In 2020, we installed a number of temporary ‘pop-up’ cycle lanes across the city, to help people to travel safely and actively during the COVID-19 pandemic. The routes chosen align with the Birmingham Walking & Cycling Strategy and Infrastructure Plan, which set out proposals for a city-wide cycle network. In many cases, these temporary cycle lanes included ‘light segregation’ from other traffic using plastic bollards.

Following a review of all the pop-up cycle lanes, **we are now proposing to improve and make permanent the route on Bradford Street.**

We are keen to hear your feedback on the plans and will be running a public consultation until **Tuesday 30 November 2021.**

### **About the scheme**

The new proposal is for a one-way cycle lane on each side of Bradford Street. The lanes will be separated from general traffic and from pedestrians, using a combination of level differences (the lanes are higher or lower and there is a kerb in between), lane separator units (the lanes are at the same level and there is a rubber or concrete kerb between them) and lines marked on the ground (the lanes are at the same level).

Bus stops will be built out, with the cycle route running behind them, to give more space for bus passengers to get on and off buses.

This cycle route links directly with the A45 cycle route to Small Heath Park, which we are also proposing to upgrade from a pop-up to a permanent route (consultation at [www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/bradford-street-cycle-route](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/bradford-street-cycle-route)). Together, these will create approximately **2km of new segregated cycling facilities.**

The Bradford Street cycle route also links with plans for Birmingham’s city centre segments (more information at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/segments](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/segments)).

A detailed plan is attached to this letter.

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## Have your say

Full details of the consultation, including a short questionnaire for you to give your feedback can be found at [www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/bradford-st-cycle-route](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/bradford-st-cycle-route). If you do not have access to the internet, you may send comments by post to the address at the bottom of this letter.

### Consultation closes on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

We are also holding two events as part of this consultation; both cover the Bradford Street and A45 cycle routes:

- An **online briefing session** on **Wednesday 10 November 2021 between 6pm and 7.30pm**, where you can find out more about the plans and ask questions. Please visit the consultation webpage to sign up for this briefing or to find a link to the recording after the session has taken place.
- A **face to face drop-in session**<sup>1</sup> on **Tuesday 23 November 2021 between 4pm and 7pm**, at the Old Library in Digbeth (Zellig, Gibb St, Deritend, Birmingham B9 4AT). No booking is needed for this event, just turn up to chat with members of the project team.

You can also contact us at [connected@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:connected@birmingham.gov.uk) with any questions.

### What happens next?

After the consultation closes, we will review all responses and make any necessary changes to the scheme. This will be followed by a statutory consultation period for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), the legal document needed to make changes on roads. This is likely to take place in early 2022.

This project is funded by the Active Travel Fund and is part of the West Midlands Cycle & Walk programme.

Yours faithfully

Transport & Connectivity Team  
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<sup>1</sup> This event may be cancelled should COVID-19 restrictions change. This will be an indoor event, and we ask attendees to be considerate of others and consider wearing a mask if talking to staff for a long time.